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SUBJ: UPPER VOLTA COUP

DEPT PASS AMBASSADOR ESTES

1. CITY COMPLETELY CALM AND TROOPS ALMOST ENTIRELY WITHDRAWN, SAVE FOR SMALL GUARD AT PALACE. CROWD, WHICH UNRULY AND SOMEWHAT MENACING THIS MPPGDFVKPO UNSATISFIED WITH APPEARANCE JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO (REFTEL) AND HAS COMPLETELY DISPERSED. SHOPS AND OFFICES REOPENED THIS AFTERNOON. TWO GUARDS PROVIDED EMBASSY BY SURETE AS PROMISED HAVE BEEN RELIEVED WITH THANKS. FRENCH CONSUL BOBO-DIOULASSO HAS REPORTED THAT CITY STILL CALM.

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2. NO CLEAR INDICATION YET AS TO GOVT LIKELY EMERGE. NO ANNOUNCEMENT MADE FOLLOWING JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO VISIT PALACE THIS MORNING. RADIO BROADCAST AT 1300 HOURS STATED COMITE D'ACTION AND CHIEF STAFF LAMIZANA HAD ACHIEVED CANCELLATION SALARY CUT AND REMOVAL YAMEOGO AND THAT MAIN TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATORS CONVOKED TO MEETING OUAGA JAN 5. COMITE APPEAL FOR CALM AND RETURN WORK ALSO BROADCAST. THIS FIRST RADIO MENTION OF COMITE AND IMPUTES IT EQUAL STANDING WITH LAMIZANA.

JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO, JOSEPH CONOMBO

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-2- 225. JAN 4, FROM OUAGADOUGOU
(POPULAR FORMER MAYOR OUAGADOUGOU) AND JOSEPH KI-ZERBO
(DIRECTOR BOYS NORMAL SCHOOL AND LEADING LIBERAL INTELLECTUAL)
WERE AMONG GROUP NEGOTIATING WITH COL LAMIZANA DURING AFTERNOON.
NO PUBLIC STATEMENT YET MADE.

4. EMBOFF INFORMED BY []

[] THAT COMITE D'ACTION CONSISTS TEN MEMBERS. HE MENTIONED,
BESIDES OUEDRAOGO, FRANCOIS KABORE (1965 AID LABOR GRANTEE, HEAD
ORGANISATION VOLTAIQUE DES SYNDICALES LIBRES), ZOUMANA TRAORE
(HEAD UNION SYNDICALE DES TRAVAILLEURS VOLTAIQUES) AND BRUNO
ILBOUDO (SEE REFTTEL).

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5. [] STATED COMITE NOW NEGOTIATING (1730) WITH COL LAMIZANA
ON ABOUT 15 POINT LIST DEMANDS. THESE INCLUDE ARREST PRESIDENT
YAMEOGO AND PRESIDENTS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, STATE SECURITY COURT,
SUPREME COURT, AND ECONOMIC-SOCIAL COUNCIL; IMMEDIATE DISSOLUTION
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILS FOLLOWED BY FREE ELEC-
TIONS; ARREST MINISTER INTERIOR DENIS YAMEOGO AND GENDARMERIE
COMMANDANT SANON FOR BRUTALITY; CONTINUED CLOSURE AIRPORT TO
PREVENT FOREIGN INTERVENTION; AND FORMAL ABOLITION SALARY CUTS.
SIMILAR UIMS OF COMITE DESCRIBED IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH
MICHEL BERE, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF USTV, NO FOREIGN
AFFAIRS INTERESTS SHOWN. SIGNIFICANT HOWEVER THAT UNIGNLEADERS
AND INTELLECTUALS HAVE CRITICIZED YAMEOGO'S DEPENDENCE ON IVORY
COAST AND THAT DEMONSTRATORS TORE HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY'S NAME OFF
UDV/RCA HEADQUARTERS YESHERDAY.

6. BASED JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO'S WARM RECEPTION THIS MORNING.
FREQUENCY MENTION HE AMONG COMITE NEGOTIATORS AND []
REPORT OUEDRAOGO SIGNED LIST COMITE DEMANDS, HE APPEARS LEADING
CIVILIAN SPOKESMAN. COL LAMIZANA MEANWHILE NOT KNOWN HAVE TAKEN
ANY FURTHER POLITICAL INITIATIVE AND SEEMS CONCENTRATING PRIMARILY
ON MAINTENANCE ORDER. LIKELY COMITE GILL HAVE INCREASING IN-
FLUENCE.

7. ASSUMED BY BOTH [] AND UNIONISTS THAT EX-PRESI-
DENT YAMEOGO STILL IN PALACE. MOST EMBASSY CONTACTS AMONG
DEMONSTRATORS AND THEIR LEADERS FEEL STRONGLY YAMEOGO SHOULD BE
ARRESTED AND PROPERTY CONFISCATED. COL LAMIZANA APPARENTLY SAFE-
GUARDING YAMEOGO BUT SEEMS DOUBTFUL HE WILL BE ALLOWED LEAVE
COUNTRY (PARIS' 3739). PRESIDENT'S AIDE DE CAMP SOME HAS NOT
BEEN DETAINED AND IS NOW APPRENTLY WORKING AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS
IN CABINET OFFICE.

GP-3. ROBERTS.

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